

--CLAIM OF BENEFIT TO PRIOR APPLICATIONS

The present patent application claims the benefit of the previous U.S. Provisional Patent Application entitled "Method for Implementing an Improved Quantizer in a Multimedia Compression and Encoding System", filed on December 16, 2002 and having serial number 60/433,915; and U.S. Provisional Patent Application entitled "Method for Implementing an Improved Quantizer in a Multimedia Compression and Encoding System", filed on December 18, 2002 and having serial number 60/434,322.--

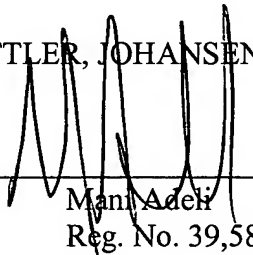
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends the claim of benefit of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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